

Four easy steps to recycle your yard waste:

1) Use the right container:

The City of San Diego collects greenery waste from the following two different containers only:

- A standard 32- or 45-gallon size trash container with a City of San Diego Greenery decal placed along the side; or,
- A white nylon 65-gallon reusable bag. The filled bags cannot be heavier than 40 lbs. This is the only City authorized bag that can be used or that will be picked up on the collection day.

(Reusable bags can be purchased for \$20 each at the Environmental Services Department, 9601 Ridgeway Court, Suite 120, San Diego, CA (858) 694-7000.)



Environmental Services' collection driver picking up clean green waste.

2) Recycle only clean green waste:

Help us help you! Place only yard waste accepted in the greenery recycling program in greenery collection containers. By recycling the following types of clean greens you help us produce a high-quality mulch and compost:

- **Leaves**
- **Grass**
- **Shrub clippings (less than four feet long and no one piece more than six inches in diameter)**
- **Bundles, four feet long, tied with string on both ends and weighing no more than 40 pounds**



To inquire if greenery recycling service is available in your area, call
Environmental Services' Customer Service at (858) 694-7000

3) Know how and when to put your container out:

- To make sure your greenery waste is collected, put your collection container(s) at your curbside or point of collection no later than 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.
- If you use a container with a decal, help your collection driver see your recycling container and make sure your decal is facing the street.
- To help keep your neighborhood clean, remember to remove your container(s) from the public right of way by 6:00 p.m. on your collection day.
- Remember to consult your greenery calendars for proper week of collection.
- Place your greenery container(s) more than three feet away from your automated trash or recycling collection container(s).

4) NOT accepted in greenery recycling:

If any of the following materials are found in your container, your green waste will not be collected:

Greens

These greens create poor-quality mulch and compost and may damage the City's grinding machinery:

- **Palm fronds**
- **Cactus and yucca plants**
- **Banana trees**
- **Bird-of-paradise plants**
- **Sawdust, painted wood, ashes, or Formica products**
- **Tree stumps longer than four feet, or any one piece greater than six inches in diameter**

Materials

- **BAGS (plastic or paper)**
- **Dirt and rocks**
- **Glass or metal**
- **Demolition debris**
- **Trash of ANY KIND**



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Curbside Greenery Recycling Program



**Reusable
bag**

*How to participate and
help the environment*



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This information is available in alternative formats upon request.

Why should I recycle my yard waste?

Reduces waste

Currently, more than 14 percent of the residential waste in the Miramar Landfill is recyclable green material. By recycling your greens you help the City produce useful mulch and compost and reduce the amount of waste in our landfill, which ultimately increases its life.

Reap what you recycle

Mulch has a number of beneficial uses. As a ground cover it reduces evaporation, limits the need to water, and adds organic material to the soil. Mulch can also be used to suppress weeds and prevent erosion on hillsides. When spreading mulch around plants and trees, make sure to leave a 10-inch buffer around the stem or trunk.

Compost can be used as a soil amendment to improve soil texture and increase its water holding capacity. Mixing one to two inches of compost four to six inches deep into the soil is one of the best things you can do for your yard or garden. Compost can also be used as ground cover or potting mix. To create potting soil, add two-parts compost with one-part coarse sand, and one-part vermiculite.

Mulch and compost are available at the Miramar Landfill Greenery, located at the north end of Convoy Street at State Highway 52. The Greenery is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mulch is free to residents.

For compost pricing and other information, please call:

**Environmental Services'
Customer Service
at (858) 694-7000
or visit our web site at
[http://www.sandiego.gov/
environmental-services/](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/)**



Yard waste is ground into mulch and compost at the Miramar Landfill.

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